

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Torrance, California.
Oct. 5, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, October 5, 1926, and was called to order at 7.45 P. M. by President Dennis. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of September 23, 1926, were approved after a few words of explanation had been added by Attorney Briney.

The written application of James Corbett for a special building permit allowing him to build four feet from the property line on 218th Street was read together with the consent of owners of property across the alley to the rear of such property.

Trustee Foley moved that the above permit be granted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The written request of Mrs. Mary Wertz to build a pit barbecue on the corner of Western and Border Avenue was tabled pending the receipt of additional information.

Mr. H. G. Richart appeared before the Board requesting a permit to move a house on to Lot 4, Block 106, Western and 224th. This was to be a temporary location while the land was being used for farming purposes.

Trustee Brooks moved that a temporary permit be granted subject to revocation by the Board on a 120 day written notice directed to Mr. Richart by United States at Torrance, California.
Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Gilbert asked what was doing on the Western-Border-Post crossing proposition.

Attorney Briney reported that a deed, covering this crossing had been rejected by the Board of Trustees some time in June or July; that the P. E. was notified by letter that the Board of Trustees intended to rely upon the written agreement of October, 1912, whereby, at that time, the P. E. agreed to dedicate for street purposes crossings across their rights of way at such time as the Dominguez Land Company dedicated streets leading up to their rights of way; that there was some delay in getting the letter out on account of the Dominguez Land Company not wishing to appear with us; that we received a letter from the P. E. stating they had the matter under advisement and that their attorneys were going over the matter to see what the intention of the agreement was; that it was about time to take it up with them again. On a question by Attorney Briney, it was decided that the rejection of the deed authorized his returning same to the P. E.

Trustee Inman reported regarding Mr. Gallimore's claim, that the committee had gone into the question very thoroughly, and, with the data they had to go upon, they could not consider the payment of the bill.

Trustee Foley moved that the report of the committee, as above, be accepted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 143
GRANTING THE RIGHT TO THE SANTA FE RY
TO CROSS STREETS, ETC.

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 143 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 142

VACATION OF STREETS AS REQUESTED BY THE CCMO.

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 142 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Re regulation of fire works, Trustee Foley moved that the Attorney find out what is being done in other cities of this size and report later. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Foley introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 144

REGARDING INSPECTION OF FIRE HAZARDS.

President Dennis mentioned the matter of offensive gas fumes arising from the cleaning of tanks.

Trustee Foley moved that the matter be referred to the Police Committee for investigation and report as to ways and means of handling.

Attorney Briney stated that he had received two letters from the County Road Commissioners regarding bonds guaranteeing the improvement of streets in tracts 3757 and 3758.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City Attorney request the County to cancel and release the bonds filed with them for the improvement of streets in tract 3757. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Foley moved that the City Attorney take such steps as may be necessary to enforce any rights the City of Torrance may have to compel performance, under the bonds heretofore filed with County of Los Angeles, for improvement of streets in Tract 3758. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The application to erect or maintain an electric sign in front of the Theatre near Mr. Stephens stand was referred to the Police and Fire Chiefs with authority to approve or disapprove on motion by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

Trustee Inman stated that in the near future a convention of Fire Chiefs and of Mayors would be held in Fresno; that many questions would be considered among them the question of zoning, that, as the Council had furnished expenses for the Fire Chief, he would move that the expenses of our President in attending such convention be allowed also. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustees: None.

In re pepper tree insects, Trustee Foley moved that the Street Superintendent be instructed to take the necessary action to rid the trees of these pests. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Ordinance committee is to look up the cost, etc., of cementing the outside of the present police quarters with the idea in view of making both buildings look alike.

Miss Oetken, through Trustee Brooks, requested a permit to build a small grocery store on Arlington near 222nd.

Trustee Foley moved same be referred to the Planning Commission and reported back at the next meeting. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 306
APPROVING SUBDIVISION OF TRACT NO. 9486.

Trustee Foley moved that Resolution No. 306 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Trustee Inman stated that a telephone and an automatic red light installed in the park near the flag pole would be of great value to the public and greatly assist the police department to answer calls; that the way the matter was handled at present, too much time was wasted in getting in touch with an officer at night.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Police Committee be authorized to plan and install such a system as seemed the most effective. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Trustee Foley moved that all bills properly audited, be paid. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

At. 9.15 P.M. Trustee Foley moved to adjourn. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.